tonne of Di Ammonium phosphate on the 12th February, 1990, and the last date for receipt of tenders was 20th February, 1990 and for import by 15th April 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for immediate import of fertilizer?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The questions do not arise.

Representations for safe running of goods trains

2236. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the goods trains are run without brake vans, guards or with unqualified staff;

(b) whether All India Guards Council have submitted some representations for the safe running of trains; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take on the suggestions made thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Full goods trains are run with brake vans and guards only. In some cases when goods trains are permitted to run without guard/brake vans. In such situations special precautions are taken as per rules to ensure safety.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Existing instructions, to ensure safety are adequate to cover the operational exigencies. Brake vans are regularly being manufactured to ensure that adequate numbers become available in due course.

Reinstatement of Loco staff of railways in the strike of 1981

2237. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the victimised and dismissed staff of 1981 Loco strike have not been taken back into service;

(b) the number of such employees (Drivers, Firemen etc.) have been taken back and how many remain to be taken back; and

(c) by when all of these employees are likely to be taken back into service?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) About 611 loco staff were dismissed/removed from service in connection with the agitation of the Loco Running staff in 1981 under Rule 14(i) of the Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1968 which corresponds to clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 311(2) of the Constitution.

Out of the 611 staff dismissed/removed, 225 [illegible] of departmental appeals/revision petitions or as a result of court orders.

[illegible] reinstated [illegible] on their [illegible] would [illegible] the finalisation of these cases.

Export of edible oil

[illegible] will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to export edible oil in the near future and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the quantity of export and the countries to which it is likely to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b). The export of edible oil is not permitted under the existing import-export policy of the Gov-

ernment. However, the National Dairy Develoment Board (NDDB) has recently been permitted to export 25,000 MTs of mustard oil out of its surplus stock procured from 'market intervention operation', to all permissible destinations for a period of 6 months from the date of issue of export licence. But no export of mustard oil has so far been made by NDDB.

Fixation of Editors in Group I pay scales in UNI

2239. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNI had categorised some senior journalists as Editors in 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these Editors have been denied the Editors (Group I) pay scales prescribed for news agencies by the UNI management with effect from 1-1-1988; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure fixation of Editors in Group I pay scales by the UNI management?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Payment of pay and other allowances at different rates by UNI

2240. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United News of India management is paying night shift allowance and City compensatory allowances at Class II news agency rates, while paying basic pay, D.A. and HRA at Class I rates notified by Government under the Bachawat Award;

(b) if so, whether two different classification—one for pay and another for payment of allowances are permitted under Government's orders; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure payment of Class I rates of pay and allowances to UNI employees under the Bachawat Award?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The various allowances being paid to UNI employees, are those for Class II news agencies, as notified by the Government on 31st August, 1990. The scales of pay of the Non-journalists newspaper employees were upgraded in the said notification by the Government without change in their classification. Subsequently the pay scales of Working Journalists got upgraded as a result of mutual settlement between the UNI management and the employees.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase of wagons for supply of coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station

2241. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to increase the number of Railway Wagons for the supply of coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station; and

(b) if so, what action have been taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.